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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR VS

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST ATTACK ON FPJMT HELICOPTERS

REF: STATE 245607

1. UNLESS DOD AND STATE HAVE IN MIND SOME IMPORTANT TACTICAL ADVANTAGE, NOT APPARENT TO US HERE, WE PLAN TO LEAVE IT TO CHIEF USDEL FPJMT TO DETERMINE IN LIGHT OF CIRCUMSTANCES AT MEETING WHETHER TO WALK OUT IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING DELIVERY OF OUR PROTEST. "PRG" WILL BE HOST AT MEETING MAKING TACTICAL SITUATION DIFFICULT TO PREDICT.

2. WERE WE TO WALK OUT AND LEAVE THE FIELD OF DEBATE TO THE COMMUNISTS THIS COULD HURTUS BY PERMITTING THE COMMUNISTS TO PRESENT UNCONTESTED THEIR WARPED VERSION OF EVENTS. AS WE KNOW FROM EXPERIENCE THERE IS AN ELEMENT IN THE PRESS WHO MIGHT REPORT THEIR STORY "STRAIGHT" WIIHOUT CHECKING THEIR CHARGES WITH US OR THE GVN. IN SUCH A CASE WE WOULD GAIN MUCH BY HAVING OUR OWN DELEGATION REBUTTING POINTS (SUCH AS "PRG" CLAIM THAT THEY WERE NOT INFORMED OF JCRC PLAN) WHICH COMMUNISTS WILL TRY TO MAKE IN EFFORT TO THROW A SMOKE SCREEN OVER THEIR CRIME.

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3. WE ARE CONCERTING OUR APPROACH AT MEETING CLOSELY WITH GVNDEL.

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